BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2000-407-C - ORDER NO. 2001-686

JULY 26, 2001

IN RE: Proceeding to Consider Implementation of a **ORDER** Cap on Surcharges and Rates Associated with) **WAIVING**

REGULATION Intrastate Operator Assisted Calls.

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of the Commission Staff for waiver of Regulation 103-875 in this proceeding. The regulation states that, without special permission of the Commission, any Briefs in a case must be filed within 30 days of the hearing on a matter. In the present case, a transcript of the hearing is in preparation, said transcript to be used in preparation of any briefs and/or proposed orders of the parties. However, the transcript will not be completed in time for the parties to submit Briefs and/or proposed orders within 30 days of the hearing in this case.

Accordingly, Staff asks that we waive the rule and grant special permission for Briefs and/or proposed orders to be filed outside the 30 day period after the hearing. Since compliance with the regulation in this case would produce unusual hardship, we waive Regulation 103-875 under the provisions of Regulation 103-803. Special permission is hereby given for the parties to submit Briefs and/or proposed orders in this matter within 30 days of this Commission's receipt of the completed transcript of the hearing in this case. Commission Staff Counsel shall notify all parties upon receipt of the transcript, and shall notify all parties, accordingly, of the date that any Briefs and/or proposed orders will be due.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Lang E. Wolsh

Executive Director

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